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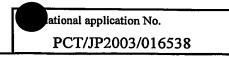
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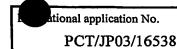
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Box No. IV Lack of unity of invention						
Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement						
Box No. VI Certain documents cited						
Box No. VII Certain defects in the international application						
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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement					
1. Statement					
Novelty (N)	Claims	1-52	YES		
	Claims		NO		
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	1-5, 8-52	YES		
	Claims	6,7	NO		
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-52	YES		
	Claims		NO NO		
					

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

Document 1: JP, 2002-135301, A (Nippon Telegraph and Telephone Corporation), May 10, 2002

(05.10.02)

Paragraphs 0019-0031, Figs. 1 and 2

Document 2: Toshiaki TAGO, "Ima kara demo Maniau UNIX & Linux Nyumon Dai 5 Kai Network

no Settei (Sono 2)," DB Magazine, (K.K. Soeisha), Vol. 11, No. 11, January 1, 2002

(01.01.02), pp. 168-174, Column of "nslookup" (p. 170)

Document 3: JP, 2002-318737, A (K.K. Index), October 31, 2002 (10.31.02)

Paragraphs 0037 to 0052, All drawings

Document 4: JP, 11-122283, A (Toshiba Corporation)

April 30, 1999 (04.30.99)

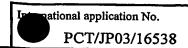
Paragraphs 0029 to 0053, Figs. 1-9

Claims 6 and 7

Document 1 describes that a management server transmits a random value r ("response request" in claim 6 etc. of the present application) to a server to be managed, and the server to be managed that has received the random value r calculates a function value y' from the random value r and sends back the function value y' (corresponding to "response" in claim 6 etc. of the present application) to the management server (see document 1, paragraphs 0019 to 0031).

A management server transmitting a random value r to a server to be managed and the server to be managed sending back a function value y' correspond to a destination communication node responding to a response request from a transmitter communication node in the invention relating to claim 6 of the present application.

A network comprising a transmitter node, destination communication node and mapping announcement system, wherein a host name (static identifier) and dynamic address (IP address) are correlated, thereby acquiring host reachability, is well known as a network using a dynamic DNS; therefore, applying the invention described in document 1 to the well-known network to achieve the configuration of claims 6 and 7 of the present application could be easily conceived of by a party skilled in the art.



Box No. VII Certain defects in the international application

The following defects in the form or contents of the international application have been noted:

- 1. Claim 43 describes a "medium characterized in storing a program product according to any one of claims 41 through 42"; however, the invention of claim 41 is not an invention of a program product.
- 2. Claim 52 cites claim 54 but there is no claim 54.

Claim 52 is found to be a "computer readable medium characterized in storing a program product according to claim 51" by the present international preliminary examination report.

Supplemental Box

In case the space in any of the preceding boxes is not sufficient. Continuation of Box V.2:

Claims 1-5

None of documents 1-4 describes or suggests that a mapping combining a static identifier and dynamic address of a mapping announcement system and a mapping combining a static identifier and dynamic address of a destination communication node are compared to judge veracity of reachability with respect to a destination communication node.

Claims 8-27

None of documents 1-4 describes or suggests that information by which reachability with respect to a destination communication node is confirmed by a transmitter communication node is stored in a mapping announcement system, a prescribed communication is made between the transmitter communication node and the destination communication node, and the transmitter communication node, having made reply to the destination mode, makes comparison with any information it has stored itself, thereby confirming veracity of reachability.

Claims 28-35

None of documents 1-4 describes or suggests that veracity of reachability with respect to a destination communication node is judged by static information sent in reply from a destination communication node.

Claims 36-43

None of documents 1-4 describes or suggests a configuration such that when nonexistence of a destination node is detected, a mapping combining a static identifier and dynamic address indicating a destination communication node in the mapping announcement system is not announced.

Claims 44-52

None of documents 1-4 describes or suggests that given information that a transmitter node uses for making inquiry of the destination node to a mapping announcement system is stored as a response to be made by a communication node, and reply of such information is given as a reply to a sign or communication in a method agreed to in advance.